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LEADER OF ASYLUM FRAUD CONSPIRACY PLEADS GUILTY

PHILADELPHIA - David Lynn, 33, of Holland, PA, today admitted to leading an asylum fraud scheme that netted him millions of dollars in illegal profits, announced Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid. Lynn pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy, one count of visa/asylum fraud, one count of money laundering, and conspiracy to commit money laundering. Lynn was charged with five co-defendants in July. The business that Lynn ran is alleged to have filed at least 380 bogus asylum applications for clients, between January 2003 and March 2007, charging an average of \$8,000 for an application.

Lynn faces a guideline sentencing range of 70 to 87 months in prison when sentenced on January 13, 2009.

The case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the United States Department of Labor Office of Inspector General's Office of Labor Racketeering and Fraud, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of Inspector General for Housing and Urban Development; with support from the Citizenship and Immigration Services Office of Fraud Detection and National Security, Department of State Diplomatic Security Services, the Northampton Township Police Department, and the Upper Southampton Township police.

It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Terri A. Marinari.

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